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Tim, thanks for y'all's patience. I had really hoped to get these out to you by Tuesday morning, but we unfortunately had a series of version control glitches that cost us a little time to resolve. I know I've said it before, but we really hope and intend that these provide a constructive road map to help Montana address any remaining concerns around consistency with EPA's variance regulation. When I think about the journey that you all have undertaken with your stakeholders in just a few short months and the distance you've come, I am really impressed and appreciative of MDEQ's commitment to getting this done and getting it right. We appreciate the time you and your staff have devoted to dialogue with us so that we all can better understand each other's needs and constraints. Best of luck with what I know is going to be a big push for you guys in the next couple of weeks. Best,

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